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Serial No.: 09/662,965

Filed: September 15, 2000

For: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE  
DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND  
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF"

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: Short, P.

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Included herewith is a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and the RCE transmittal form. A \$ 850.00 payment for the Extension of Time (\$110.00) and the RCE filing fee (\$740.00) is enclosed in Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. In relation to the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2003, please consider the Amendment and Remarks that follow.

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4. Request for Extension of Time - 2 pages;
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# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Attorney Docket Number	05015.0365U1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RTCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1993, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## **1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other: Request for 1 Month Extension of Time Exhibits (A-D)

## **2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other -

## **3. Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

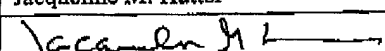
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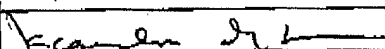
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